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**PATENT**  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 6530.0145-02

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

VINCENT TURTURRO et al.

Serial No.: 09/977,289

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For: BIOPSY INSTRUMENT HAVING  
IRRIGATION AND ASPIRATION  
CAPABILITIES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Replace the paragraph starting on page 28 and ending on page 29 with the  
following two paragraphs:

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In use, it will be appreciated that the distal end of the endoscope  
to which the collar 80 is coupled is maneuvered adjacent the desired  
tissue for sampling and the distal assembly is brought into contact with  
tissue 110 (Figs. 10 and 11). The actuation handle 12 is actuated to close  
the jaws 88, 90 and cut off a tissue sample 112. When the jaws 88, 90  
are in a closed position the irrigation means and the aspiration means are  
activated and the first proximal irrigation coupling tube and the first